



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Willman, Parris S. : Examiner: Peffley, Michael F.
Serial Number: 10/615,152)
Filed: 07/08/03 : Group Art Unit: 3739
For: Surgical Device for Clamping, Ligating) Conf. No. 8263
And Severing Tissue : Dated: March 28, 2006
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 28, 2005 regarding the above identified application.

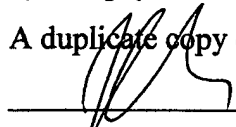
The requested extension is for three (3) months, from December 28, 2005 to March 28, 2006.

The fee for the extension of time is one thousand twenty dollars (\$1020.00) and is paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04 0170.

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Dated: March 28, 2006



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